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PASS AGRICULTURE

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SUBJECT: FEED GRAINS

FOLLOWING THE CABINET MEETING HELD AT EL PARDO ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION ISSUED
A PRESS RELEASE WHICH INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING ITEM
CONCERNING AGRICULTURE:
"IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABNORMAL AND PERSISTENTLY SHORT
SUPPLY SITUATION IN WORLD MARKETS , AGGRAVATED IN OUR OWN
CASE BY DROUGHT, THE GOVERNMENT HAS RESOLVED TO ACT WITH
THE GREATEST ENERGY TO PROTECT THE EXPANSION OF OUR
LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY GUARANTEEING FEED GRAIN SUPPLIES AND
PRICE STABILITY THERETO. AS A FIRST STEP IN THIS
DIRECTION (THE GOVERNMENT) HAS AGREED TO BUY SUBSTANTIAL
QUANTITIES OF FEED GRAINS, MAINLY CORN. WITH THESE
PURCHASES (SPAIN) WILL BUILD UP PERMANENT STOCKS WHICH
WILL SERVE TO GUARANTEE TO LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS AN
ABUNDANT AND CONSTANT SUPPLY AS WELL AS THE STABILITY
OF (FEED GRAIN) PRICES, SUPPLEMENTING, IN NECESSARY,
PRIVATE SOURCES OF SUPPLY. THIS MEASURE WILL BE
COMPLEMENTED BY OTHER ACTIONS".

COMMENT - THE ANNOUNCEMENT REFLECTS THE GOS SERIOUS
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CONCERN OVER SOARING DOMESTIC FEED GRAIN PRICES AND

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SHORTAGES AGGRAVATED BY DROUGHT. AS TO PURCHASES, GOS HAS BEEN BUYING SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF CORN IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS. THE ANNOUNCEMENT APPEARS TO UNDERLINE THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION. LEADING GRAIN DEALERS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO MEET WITH GOS OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF FEED GRAIN SUPPLIES DECEMBER 18 PRESUMABLY TO DISCUSS ACTUAL SCOPE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT.
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